House Resolution No. 1733

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State youths who have admirably demonstrated their potential as lifelong learners and future societal leaders through the excellence of their accomplishments as students; and

Whereas, Brian Phan has attained considerable distinction as a sixth-grade student from Olivette, Missouri; and

Whereas, Brian Phan recently enhanced his already impressive record of achievement when he earned First Place in Level I of the 2007 Letters About Literature essay contest sponsored by the Missouri Center for the Book, the Missouri State Library, the Library of Congress, and Target Stores; and

Whereas, the first-place entry of Brian Phan consisted of a letter to author Jean Van Leeuwen that explained how <u>Cabin on Trouble Creek</u> changed his view of the world and of himself as a person; and

Whereas, challenged by the Letters About Literature essay contest to explore his personal response to a book, Brian Phan then successfully expressed those responses in a creative, original way; and

Whereas, Brian Phan and eleven other Letters About Literature winners from across the state will receive well-deserved public recognition on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, in the centrally-located Missouri state capital of Jefferson City; and

Whereas, part of the public recognition ceremony will be the reading of winning letters by their young authors; and

Whereas, each of the twelve young award-winning letter writers also will receive a Certificate and a cash prize in light of their outstanding accomplishment:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the achievements garnered thus far in life by Brian Phan and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon taking First Place in the 2007 Letters About Literature essay contest and our sincerest best wishes for continued personal and academic success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Brian Phan, son of Phuong and Trang Phan of Olivette, Missouri.

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1733, adopted April 4, 2007.